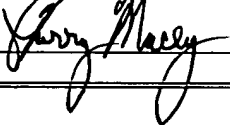


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UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application from February 24, 2004 to June 24, 2004.

The extension request and appropriate fee are as follows:

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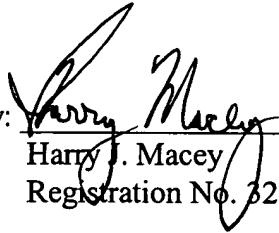
- [X] Authorization to charge the \$740.00 fee for the Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 50-1947 is provided on the Fee Transmittal. A duplicate copy of that document is enclosed for that purpose.
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Respectfully submitted,

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